

Town Talk

... Being a Column of
Chatter About People
You Know ...

By DOROTHY M. OGDEN

Well, Avon Road's Patty Johnson had herself quite a day last Sunday. Her family (the M. Louis Johnsons) announced her engagement to Elmer Maack of Minnesota at her 21st birthday party that afternoon. She's a senior at Swarthmore and he's finishing his senior year at Penn after three years in the Navy.

Mrs. Adolph Vogel and Mrs. Harry Simpson poured tea for Patty, and dozens of people arrived to do her honor. Understand that they had the best sandwiches on the Main Line and I only wish I could have attended.

Talking with Mrs. Larry H. Grey, president of the Narberth Junior Women's Community Club, she told me that her big project this year will be the sponsoring of youth dances for the 7th and 8th graders in the Borough schools. They'll be held each Friday evening in the Community Building from 8 to 10. Understand that Mrs. Vincent J. Stolz is going to be chairman of the group and chaperones include Mr. and Mrs. George Burns, Mr. and Mrs. Dallas Mueller, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. William Borkey, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Purcell, and Mr. and Mrs. Wanda Benfield. The first dance will be held this Friday night.

OFFICE MEMOS ... If our paper seems to be missing something this week, chalk it up to the vacation of our managing editor, Joe Newman. We'll be glad to see him back next week. George Walker, our publisher, by the way, has returned from a two-week vacation in New Hampshire, with a wonderful tan and much vim and vigor.

When Betty Longenecker opened her nursery school down in Cynwyd this week, she introduced her 24 pupils to "members of her staff," among which was a rather famous turtle, called "Cynnie." He's quite the gababout, I hear. The children sit around in a circle on the floor and he makes the rounds to say "hi" to each child. There are also two Angora bunnies, named "Flopsy" and "Mopsy" in the school, so the children have lots of fun. Besides attending this year include Carl Metzger, Jr., son David, and little Linda Beighe. You'll remember Linda as the little girl who wandered away from her home in Penn Valley one day early this Fall, and ended up by visiting the Lower Merion Police Station.

At the General Wayne Saturday night, waiter captain Sam Kurtz was sorely missed with all that crowd to take care of. Headwaiter Tom Rogers told me that they are hoping Sam

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Hay-Ride Featured Event of "Y" Club

Group Activities Listed By Officials of Ardmore Unit

Members of the "K. S." club of the Main Line YMCA will participate in hay-ride Friday evening, starting at 6:30 P. M., and following by dancing and refreshments. Thomas Wood, president of the organization, announced this week.

Regular business meetings of the group are held each Tuesday evening at 7:30 P. M.

Members of the Activities committee of the club are: Ann Bateaux, Betty McCabe, Jane Burgess, Nancy Buckley, Ann McNeilligan, Bob Lentz, and Ursula Palone.

Friday Miss Evelyn Brehm will sponsor a bus evening of activities for the Lansdowne Methodist Church Senior High School people.

Violet Kaleh, president of Twenty To Club, a young adult group, has called an executive committee meeting for next Monday evening. On Wednesday evening there will be a general business meeting of the entire club to be followed by bowling.

Eleanor Payne was elected president of the Ardmore Girls' Cray Club at a meeting last Friday afternoon. Sarah Thornton was elected secretary.

Last week Elizabeth Atley, Anita Page and Hettie Lonesome were the high scorers at bowling of the Main Line Jr. Tri-Hi-Y Club. Next Tuesday evening the club will swim at Christian St. YMCA.

Guy A. Pryor left Friday to enter the Graduate School of Springfield College at Springfield, Mass.

Club Rond-Y-vous, the 'teen age Saturday night canteen has planned a full calendar of special activities for the coming months. Saturday night's regular activities of roller skating, bowling and dancing with refreshments will be on the slate for this week. Saturday, October 5, a welner roast is planned. A special executive committee meeting has been called by the president, Tom Stretch, for next Monday evening.

Friday afternoon Calvert Mobley was elected president of the Narberth Girls' Club. This

Kern to Head Temple Univ. Department

Wynnewood Doctor Served Four Years In U. S. Navy

Associated Since 1934
With U. of P. Hospital

Gets Temple Post



DR. RICHARD A. KERN
Wynnewood physician who was appointed head of the Department of Medicine at Temple University this week.

Dr. Richard A. Kern, 1239 Remington Rd., Wynnewood, vice president of the Lower Merion Township Board of Health, has been appointed as professor and head of the department of Medicine at the Temple University School of Medicine. It was announced this week by Dr. William N. Parkinson, dean of the school and medical director of Temple University Hospital.

Dr. Kern will succeed Dr. Charles L. Brown, who was recently named dean of the Hahnemann Medical School. He will go to Philadelphia, where, since 1934, he has been professor of clinical medicine and chief of the outpatient department and the allergy section of University Hospital.

U. of P. Graduate
A graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, first in 1910 when he received his Bachelor's Degree and in 1914 as a Doctor of Medicine, Dr. Kern served in the Naval Reserve during World War I and II.

During the last war, he was medical consultant for the entire South Pacific area, attached to the staff of Admiral Halsey with the rank of Commodore.

On February 2, 1942, the Naval Reserve Specialists Unit at the University of Pennsylvania, which Dr. Kern formed in 1935, was called to active duty and dispatched to the hospital ship, Solace, in the Pacific.

Served Four Years
In his last tour of duty for the Navy, Dr. Kern served as chief of medicine and of rehabilitation at the U. S. Naval Hospital in Philadelphia. He was separated from the Navy last March after being on active duty for four years.

As a consultant to the Veterans Administration, Dr. Kern is chief of its section for general medicine. He is associate editor of the American Journal of Medical Science, with which he has been connected since 1925.

A fellow of the American College of Physicians, he also holds memberships in numerous national and local medical associations. He belongs to Sigma Xi, Alpha Omega Alpha, Phi Gamma Delta.

**First Session of NACA
Held Tuesday Night**

David P. Fry, Jr., of 225 Pine Ave., Narberth, secretary of the Philadelphia Chapter of the National Association of Cost Accountants, has announced that the first technical session of the group for this season was held Thursday evening, September 24, in the Widener Building, Philadelphia.

**Civic Groups Prepare to Oppose
Lower Merion Road Widening**

Representatives of all Lower Merion civic associations are in agreement to oppose the township commissioners' overall plan for a wholesale widening of township roads.

They reached this agreement at a meeting in the Gladwyne Community Hall Monday night called by the Gladwyne Civic Association directors.

Wednesday Hearing

All of the civic associations will send representatives to a public hearing to be held by commissioners in the Lower Merion Township Building next Wednesday night on the road widening proposals.

Favor River Parkway

Aside from their plans to persuade the commissioners to abandon the wholesale widening of roads they would like to see the solons concentrate their administrative ability on promoting the Schuylkill River Parkway project.

The State Legislature in its last session approved plans for the

Narberth Vet Has Busy Day

William Wentz, 25-year-old veteran, of 205 Wayne Ave., Narberth, had a very busy day last Thursday.

At 3 A. M. he became the father of William Wentz, Jr. At 10 A. M. he bought an automobile. At 1 P. M. he learned he had been appointed Assistant Forester at Merionville, Pa. And at 8 P. M. he graduated from Pennsylvania State College.

Wentz served with the Army Engineers in the Pacific and was discharged on Pearl Harbor Day, 1945. He returned to Penn State in the Spring to finish his education.

**Business Council
To Discuss Streets**

Member States
Narberth Ave. Should
Be Much Wider

A suggestion that the Narberth Borough Business Council should discuss the widening of Narberth Ave., and the general widening of Borough streets, was proposed by Robert Hobson, Upholsterer and Decorator at the Monday night dinner meeting of the Council at Arcadia-Chios Restaurant.

Despite the fact that the meeting was purely a social gathering, other suggestions were made, among them was one made by Harry Seascholtz, Narberth painter, who emphasized the necessity for increased advertising and publicity for business in Narberth.

36 Attend

President Howard Cotter introduced the main speaker of the meeting, Herbert J. Bruder, and more businessmen and vice-presidents of the Main Line Chamber of Commerce, who discussed the general problems facing small businessmen in suburban communities.

Thirty-six Boroiotes attended the meeting at which the Christmas decorations program was discussed. Walter Case was appointed chairman of a committee to make further Christmas plans. Joseph Adelzki and Joseph Whiteside were named to the committee.

**Connie Mack, 3d,
Injured in Crash**

Connie Mack, 3d, 16-year-old grandson of the owner of the Philadelphia Athletics, as injured Saturday afternoon when the car he was driving skidded and struck another automobile on Wynnewood Rd. near Winsor Ave., Narberth.

Young Connie, son of Roy Mack, vice-president of the A's, of 260 Beech Hill Rd., Penn Valley, and a companion, Richard Weand, 17, of 134 Edgehill Rd., Bala, were driving South on Wynnewood Rd. on their way to play basketball at the Narberth playground when the accident occurred.

The two youths were knocked unconscious by the collision and were taken in an ambulance to Bryn Mawr Hospital. Doctors said young Mack had a possible concussion and that Weand had suffered minor head injuries. Both boys were detained for observation.

Lower Merion Township police said the driver of the other car was Mrs. Carl F. Snyder, of the Wynnewood Park Apartments, Wynnewood. She was not injured. No police charges were placed against either motorist.

**G. O. P. Maps Out
Rally Campaign**

A comparatively brief but intensive campaign has been mapped for the November general election by the Republican County Committee, scheduled to culminate with a county-wide rally at Norristown City Hall, Thursday evening, October 31.

Organization leaders are now scheduling the sectional meetings at which Congressman Samuel K. McConnell, Jr., nominee for re-election as Representative in Congress; Lloyd H. Wood, Republican nominee for State Senator and the five Montgomery County Representatives in the State's General Assembly will be speakers. They are: Lambert Cadwalader, First District; Charles H. Brunner, Jr., Second District; Howard F. Boorse, Henry J. Probert, and Raymond C. Kratz; Third District.

**Comes The End of
A Lovely Day**

Two Narberth tots had a lovely adventure last Thursday afternoon and early evening.

Gone almost three hours, they spent the time in a two mile walk, and playing at the Narberth School playground.

A little worried when dusk came, however, little Normie Hawes, Jr., 5, led his playmate, three-year-old Caroline Brennan, into the home of Mrs. Philip Murray, 235 Merion Rd., Merion, to ask aid in getting home.

Mrs. Murray called Lower Merion Township police just five minutes after the parents called to report their missing children.

Mr. and Mrs. John F. Brennan, of 103 Woodside Ave., and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Hawes, of 100 Elmwood Ave., had been searching for the children since they disappeared at 4:30 that afternoon.

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2 Teachers, Nurse Added To School

Introduced at P-T. A. Meeting Held Monday Night

W. J. Drennen, principal of the Narberth Public School, announced at a meeting of the Parent-Teachers Association Monday night, that two new teachers and a nurse had been added to the staff of the school this season. They are:

Miss Rebecca Ausberger, a graduate of Millersville, Pa. State College, will teach mathematics and assist in coaching girls' hockey. Miss Ausberger, who came here from Shoemakersville, Pa., also taught mathematics and physical education at the Collingdale Junior High School.

Mrs. Dorothy Thomas, a graduate of the Glassboro, N. J. Teachers College, will teach third grade at Narberth. She recently taught in Pitman, N. J.

The new nurse, Miss Natalie Pollock, is a nurse on the staff of the Community Health and Civic Association in Ardmore.

Award Prizes

Mrs. M. C. Bunting, chairman of the membership committee of the Association, stated that two prizes would be awarded to pupils of the school in the current membership drive. One prize would be awarded to the class having the largest number of fathers join the organization, and the other prize to be awarded to the class having the largest number of prizes.

The entertainment for the evening included selections by Mrs. Cletus A. Senft, accompanied by Mrs. Wesley Dunnington. The invocation was delivered by the Rev. Senft, and the pledge to allegiance to the flag was led by Barclay MacLaren, a student of the school. Refreshments were served by Mrs. Arthur Cooke and her committee.

**Committee Finds
Vets New Homes**

The Main Line Federation of Churches, one of the original sponsors of the Community Emergency Housing Committee, announced this week that the committee had found living quarters for three veterans through the central registry at the Ardmore Community Health and Civic Association.

Eleven homes in the Main Line area have been opened to veterans as a result of two appeals made during the Spring and Summer by members of the Federation.

Officials of the Federation stated that the housing shortage still continues to be the most pressing social problem facing families many throughout the Main Line.

The Rev. Albert C. Kanzinger, chairman of the Housing Committee of the Federation, said that many cases of delinquency

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**Club Women Will
Hear Convention**

At their first Fall meeting to be held Tuesday afternoon in the Community Building, members of the Narberth Women's Community Club, will hear a report by their president, Mrs. Samuel J. McCartney, on her trip to the General Federation of Women's Clubs Convention, held in Chicago, Ill., in June.

There will also be reports by all committee chairmen. The music program will include vocal selections by Miss Jean LaRoche.

Mrs. Karl Williams, chairman of the fellowship committee, entertained members of her committee at a luncheon at Batten Hall, Haverford, last Wednesday.

Plans were made for the first fellowship luncheon to be held Wednesday, October 9, in the Community Building. All members and friends are invited to the affair, proceeds for which will be used to send flowers and cards to ill club members during the year.

Among those at the luncheon were:

Mrs. L. J. Cowie, Mrs. Frank J. Wheeler, Mrs. William J. Heebner, Mrs. R. C. Kennedy, Mrs. George R. Watts, Mrs. C. Keenan, Mrs. Raymond Krug, Mrs. Gilbert McLaren, Mrs. Merrill Squire, Mrs. Fred Isenberg and Mrs. R. N. Phillips.

**Residents Spurn
Meeting Called For
Their Benefit**

Not one single resident of Narberth appeared at a public meeting Monday night to discuss a proposed Borough ordinance defining responsibility of the Borough and property owners in caring for shade trees.

The meeting, called by the Borough Council to hear the views of property owners was attended by Council members and members of the Shade Tree Commission.

The ordinance, written by Borough Solicitor Henry A. Frye, was therefore discussed by those present without the benefit of outside comment.

Changes in phrases and wording in the ordinance were suggested by Council members, as well as several additions.

Waiter A. Fox, president of the Council, who presided at the meeting, turned the ordinance back to Frye for revision, and asked that it be submitted again at the October meeting of Council.

**Teachers To Pay
More On Pensions**

Supt. Dubois Explains
Reasons To School
Board

Retirement pensions are going to cost teachers more money during their earning years, it was announced recently by the School Employees Retirement Board.

The new rates went into effect September 1 and some teachers and other employees questioned the increase.

At the last meeting of the Lower Merion Township School Board, Superintendent Frank A. Dubois explained the reasons for the change.

"It appears," Dubois told the board members, "that the increase in rates was necessary in order that the retirement board may meet its obligations, which have increased beyond anticipated points for three main reasons:

"1. Life expectancy tables show that people are living longer.

"2. Action by many local school boards, under the permissive provision of the tenure law, has made retirement compulsory at age 62.

"3. Increases in teachers' salaries have made the actuarial equivalents larger than was anticipated when the rates were originally set."

Dubois pointed out that the contributions of the school districts will also be increased to match the contributions of the members of the retirement system.

No employee, he stated, except an employee entering the system subsequent to September 1, 1946, is required to contribute at the new rate.

"However," he emphasized, "the pension will be less upon retirement if the employee chooses to continue to pay at the old rate. If the employee wishes to receive, at retirement, the amount of pension he had anticipated received under the old rate, he must now contribute at the new rate, and in some cases a lump sum will need to be contributed in addition."

The payment of the lump sum is optional," he added, "but if it is paid, it will bear four per cent interest, compounded annually, just as all contributions by members bear this rate of interest."

**Argue Law Points
In Frankel Case**

Points of law involved in the Merion apartment house zoning disputes were argued before Judge Harold G. Knight in Montgomery County Court a week ago Friday.

The dispute between wealthy Merion residents and Ephraim J. Frankel, builder, has been raging more than a year.

More than 10 attorneys appeared in Court for the oral argument.

On hand to head the legal battery of residents and the Merion Civic Association was Frank J. Mancill, Merion attorney.

Judge Knight now takes the case under advisement and it may be several months before the Court hands down a decision.

Frankel brought the protests of Merion residents down on his head when he purchased land at Old Lancaster Rd. and N. Laches Lane to construct a 100-unit apartment house.

Dr. Albert C. Barnes, head of the Barnes Foundation, which adjoins the property acquired by Frankel, joined the protesting residents.

Several bitterly fought hearings were held before the Lower Merion commissioners, but failed against Frankel.

Frankel then appealed to Montgomery County Court using the argument that the property was zoned for apartments when he purchased the land.

**Frank Wynn Leaves
Estate of \$24,000**

Frank Wynn, direct descendant of Dr. Thomas Wynn, physician and friend of William Penn, and first speaker of the Colonial Assembly, left an estate valued at \$24,000. Mr. Wynn, who was 88, died Sept. 1 at his home, 207 Cricket Ave., Ardmore.

He directed his executors to give each of his eight children over 21 years old the sum of \$2000, the balance of the estate to be in trust to his wife, Mrs. Nellie Dunn Wynn, to be divided among his children after her death.

Scientist Declares States Made Error Dropping Atom Bomb On Inhabited Areas

Survey Planned to
Choose Memorial

Joint Meeting Held
Monday for Borough
Planning Officials

A survey of athletic and recreational requirements in Narberth is being planned by the Borough Council and the Borough Planning Commission to determine the type of War Memorial most needed in Narberth.

The survey was suggested at a joint meeting of the Council and the Commission in Elm Hall, Monday night.

Officials of the Commission stated that the survey would be conducted among officials and businessmen in the Borough, sometime in the near future. Final plans have not yet been completed.

Details Not Practical

The officials further stated that at this time it was not practical to go into details of any type of building because of difficulty in obtaining the necessary materials, lack of building materials, and the fact that in all probability, no bids would be received for the work.

Tentative Plans

Tentative plans for additions to the present Community building were drawn up several months ago by the Planning Commission, but were discarded following a survey made by the Narberth Legion Post.

New plans will be drawn up when conditions permit, the officials said, even if there is a lapse of several years.

**Six Hurt in Train
Crash at Narberth**

Six railroad employees were injured Wednesday morning when a west-bound mail and baggage train crashed into the rear of an 11-car freight at Narberth station.

The freight had stopped in Narberth to switch a car onto a siding when a two car electric mail train ploughed into it. The caboose of the freight was partially telescoped in the crash, and an empty passenger car, which the freight was taking to Paoli for repairs, was derailed.

Slightly Injured

The injured, all aboard the mail train, were treated at Bryn Mawr Hospital and discharged. They are as follows:

Andrew M. Fink, 44, of Philadelphia, an assistant yard master, bruised back; George Ellis, 51, of Lamoine, engineer, contusion of the shoulder; Paul L. Penny, 38, of Stafford, conductor, contusion of the right groin; Robert L. Shulda, 28, of Harrisburg, baggagemaster, contusion of the left chest; Francis D. Campbell, 38, of Philadelphia, mail clerk, contusion of the left shoulder; and Mrs. S. C. Brown, 25, of Philadelphia, trainman, contusion of the left shoulder.

**Cowanova School
Opens Next Week**

The new Fall and Winter term at the Cowanova School of Ballet, 2209 Chestnut St., will begin the week of September 30. Florence Cowanova, director, announced this week, following her return from Hollywood.

Miss Cowanova, who has been conducting a school in ballet, tap and modern dancing in Philadelphia for the past 25 years, is also in charge of all plans at the Mater Misericordia Academy for Girls in Merion.

**Three P. E. Bishops
At Local Churches**

Three bishops of the Protestant Episcopal Church, attending the 55th triennial general convention of the church in Philadelphia, were guests recently at Main Line churches.

They were: Archbishop William C. Hardie, of the West Indies, at the Church of the Redeemer, Bryn Mawr; Bishop Fred Ingle, of Colorado, at St. George's Church, Ardmore; and Bishop Robert N. Spencer, of West Missouri, at St. Asaph's, Bala-Cynwyd.

**Model Plane Club Chased Off
Playground; Now Up in the Air**

When members of the Golden Eagle Model Plan Club started to fly model planes at the Wynnewood Rd. School playground, they didn't know that they were stirring up a tempest in a teapot—

but sure enough, they found out about that tempest early this month.

It happened this way—Saturday night, September 7 to be exact, members of the Club were flying special model planes at the playground when a patrol car from the Lower Merion Police Force pulled up at the curb. The Police told Club members that they were merely answering a complaint which had come from head-

Director of Fels Planetarium And Borough Resident Speaks at P-T. A.; Representatives of Patriotic Organizations Attend

In dropping atom bombs on inhabited Japanese cities the United States threw itself in conflict with basic morality, Dr. Roy K. Marshall, director of the Fels Planetarium, Franklin Institute, told the Narberth Parent-Teacher Association, Monday night, at the Narberth Public School.

Vulnerable Position

By the same act Dr. Marshall said the United States placed itself in a vulnerable position in restricting the use of the atom bomb in future warfare.

Dr. Marshall, a resident of Narberth, is also science editor of the Evening Bulletin. Richard L. Lehman, president of the P.T.A., presided.

Representatives of the American Legion and other patriotic organizations, as well as parents and teachers, attended.

Illustrates Lecture

Dr. Marshall illustrated his lecture with a portable counter in which the audience could hear atoms of uranium and radium explode. He showed them a sample of sand from the New Mexico desert where the first experimental bomb was dropped.

In his talk Dr. Marshall referred to a recent editorial appearing in the Saturday Review of Literature in which the use of the atom bomb was challenged. The editorial pointed out that thousands of Japanese will die of cancer because of the radio activity released by the bomb.

Dr. Marshall stated there was a wide belief that peace with Japan had been delayed several months for international reasons. He said that the use of the atom bombs by our forces did not appear to be warranted and was not in accord with the advice of scientists. The split-atom had been a world-wide study for years and that Americans should be impressed that this Nation has no

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**Appeal Issued To
Aid Fire Prevention**

Harvey W. Benson, Lower Merion Township Fire Marshall, has issued an appeal to residents of the Township to cooperate in safeguarding lives and property from fire by learning how to detect and eliminate all causes in home and business during Fire Prevention Week, October 6 to 12.

Benson stated this week that in the Township alone, fires cost two lives \$120,000 in property damage since the first of this year.

Two Preventions

"With critical shortages in housing, building materials, food, and clothing, it is imperative that every citizen give serious thought to preventing such waste by fire," Benson said.

Knowing how to put through calls to police stations and fire companies and the elimination of conditions which might lead to fires were two preventions Benson suggested every businessman and resident do at once.

Both the Fire Marshalls office and the Township Fire Companies are available to assist in determining possible fire hazards throughout the Township.

**Activities Listed
By Borough Church**

The Rev. Harold D. Flood will speak the Rally Day services of the Church School of the Narberth Methodist Church to be held Sunday at 9:45 A. M.

The Rev. Flood announced this week that the Sunday evening services will resume October 6 at 7:45. The program listed for that evening includes music by the Northeast Choral Society of Philadelphia.

The Women's Society of Christian Service will meet Thursday, October 3, at 2 P. M., in the Church parlor. The Rev. Flood will discuss an outline of the Missionary Field. The devotions for the meeting will be in charge of Mrs. Arthur Irvine. During the social hour which follows the meeting, tea will be served by Circle Two, under the direction of Miss Helen Strickler.

Miss Dorothy Davis, a member of the Church, has announced plans for a social gathering to be held Friday, October 25 at 12:30 P. M., in Fellowship Hall. The program will include luncheon and movies.

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Speaker Stresses Need For Clothing

Urgent need for warm winter clothing for the people

